(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to grant funds for setting up of Special Squads;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Besides providing assistance to the States under the Police modernisation Scheme for strengthening and modernizing State police force, the Government of India has also been providing assistance to the States to raise India Reserve Battalion (IR Bn), with the stipulation that at least 25% of the strength in each Bn. should be raised as Special Task Force to counter various threats like naxalism and other form of militancy.

In addition to the above, it is also proposed to augment the National Security Guards (NSG) with additional facilities and manpower, and to establish for Regional Centres of the NSG in different parts of the country.

Based on further reviews of the scheme, it has been decided that 2 Coys in each Bn be raised as specialized Commando Bns and Provision has also been made for additional financial assistance to the tune of Rs.3 crores per Bin. for mobility, Specialized equipments, etc., It has also been decided to set up 20 Counter-Insurgency and Anti-Terrorism Schools in certain parts of the country under a Central Scheme.

(e) Does not arise.

Revised proposal of Government of Gujarat for coastal security

1020. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the original amount proposed by Government of Gujarat under the Coastal Security Scheme (CSS) and the amount granted/released by the Central Government;

(b) whether Government of Gujarat has submitted a revised proposal to upgrade additional 40 coastal police stations for coastal security; and

(c) if so, the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Government of Gujarat had submitted perspective plan for the State for Coastal Security Scheme on 30th May 2005 for an amount of Rs.321.71 crores which included Rs.249.61 crores for non-recurring and Rs.72.10 crores for recurring expenses.

Total amount of Rs.5842.60 lakh was approved for Gujarat under the Coastal Security Scheme in 2005. So far, an amount of Rs.816.00 lakh has been released to Government of Gujarat, which includes construction cost of 10 coastal police stations, 25 check posts, 46 out posts as well as lump-sum assistance for 10 PS and vehicles.

(b) Yes, Sir. A proposal from Government of Gujarat was received in 2006-07 for upgrading of the existing 40 police stations. But, the proposal could not be considered as the ongoing Coastal Security Scheme, which is under implementation since 2005-06 is approved for five years and any such proposal could be considered only at the time of review after that. The State Government was informed accordingly.

(c) The matter is being examined afresh in the Ministry. The Government of Gujarat has been advised to carry out vulnerability/gap analysis with the help of Coast Guard and other security agencies and send a complete proposal to Government of India including requirements of additional Coastal Polices Stations, check posts, outposts, vehicles, boats etc.

Convening meeting of Police Chief of some States

1021. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently convened a meeting of the Police Chiefs of some States to discuss measures to strengthen the intelligence gathering machinery in their States;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held and outcome thereof;

(c) whether Government has also asked States not to demand Central Forces every time and strengthen special branches of all State police departments; and

(d) if so, the details of assistance Government has decided to render to State Governments to strengthen police forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) A one day conference of Chief Secretaries/Home Secretaries and Directors General Police of all States was held on 08.08.2008 to review the prevailing security scenario in various parts of the country and to discuss the terrorist incidents, naxalite violence, etc. The discussions highlighted the need for strengthening of police infrastructure, improving response capabilities necessary to address the emerging threats, enhanced surveillance of crowded areas such as markets, malls, etc., in urban areas, stricter enforcement of existing regulations on explosives, countering the menaces of Fake Indian Currency Notes, regulations of cyber cafes and retailers of SIM cards etc., with the involvement of all stakeholders, harnessing of technology towards this end, involving the community in countering threats posed by terrorist elements and generating awareness. There was a broad consensus to focus on capacity building through training, skill upgradation, incentivisation of special Branches of the States, and the need for effective investigation and efficient prosecution of cases having inter-state and international linkages was emphasized.

(c) In the context of request made by the State Governments, from time to time, for deployment of Central Para Military Forces (CPMFs) to assist the state Police in the